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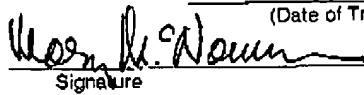
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Group Art Unit: 2879
 Alok Mani Srivastava, et al. : Examiner: Christopher M. Raabe
 Serial No. 10/768,792 :
 Filed: February 2, 2004 :

For: PHOSPHORS CONTAINING PHOSPHATE
 AND/OR BORATE OF METALS OF GROUP IIIA,
 GROUP IVA, AND LANTHANIDE SERIES, AND
 LIGHT SOURCES INCORPORATING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks,
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed from the United States Patent Office on August 14, 2006. The Examiner identifies: Group I, Claims 26-35, drawn to a method for making a phosphor, classified in class 423, subclass 21.1. Group II, Claims 1-17, drawn to a phosphor, classified in class 252, subclass 301.4F. Group III, Claims 18-15, 41-43, drawn to a phosphor blend, classified in class 252, subclass 301.4H. Group IV, Claims 36-40, drawn to a light source, classified in class 313, subclass 486.

Examiner requires restriction between Groups I, II, III and IV.

Accordingly, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 121, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group II, without traverse, Claims 1-17, drawn to a phosphor, classified in class 252, subclass 301.

Additionally, the Examiner has requested the election of a species. Species I, the phosphor having a formula $(La_{1-x-y-z} Tb_x Ce_y Gd_z)(P_{1-q} B_q)O_4$ (to which claims 1-6 are limited), and Species II, the phosphor having

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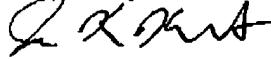
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a formula $(La_{1-x-y-z-u-v}Tb_xCe_yGd_zD_uE_v)(P_{1-q}B_q)O_4$ (to which claims 7-12 are limited).

Accordingly, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 121, Applicants hereby elect Species I, the phosphor having a formula $(La_{1-x-y-z}Tb_xCe_yGd_z)(P_{1-q}B_q)O_4$ (to which claims 1-6 are limited).

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims. Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,



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